STATE OF ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF: JAMES C. ACKERMAN

FILE NO. 0500259

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO THE RESPONDENT: James Curtis Ackerman

James Curtis Ackerman 2200 N. Central Road

Apt. 15E

Fort Lee, NJ 07024

C/O Sloan Securities Corporation

Two Executive Drive Fort Lee, NJ 07024

You are hereby notified that pursuant to Section 11.F of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 [815 ILCS 5] (the "Act") and 14 Ill. Adm. Code 130, Subpart K, a public hearing will be held at 69 West Washington Street, Suite 1220, Chicago, Illinois 60602, on the 28th day of February, 2007 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter, before George Berbas, Esq. or such other duly designated Hearing Officer of the Secretary of State.

Said hearing will be held to determine whether an Order shall be entered revoking James C. Ackerman's (the "Respondent") registration as a salesperson in the State of Illinois and/or granting such other relief as may be authorized under the Act including but not limited to the imposition of a monetary fine in the maximum amount pursuant to Section 11.E(4) of the Act, payable within ten (10) business days of the entry of the Order.

The grounds for such proposed action are as follows:

- 1. That at all relevant times, the Respondent was registered with the Secretary of State as a salesperson in the State of Illinois pursuant to Section 8 of the Act.
- 2. That on March 14, 2005, NASD entered a decision regarding Disciplinary Proceeding No. C9B040074, which (1) jointly and severally fined

Respondent Ackerman and others \$3,000; (2) censured Sloan Securities Corporation; and (3) suspended Respondent Ackerman from functioning as Sloan Securities Corporation's Director of Compliance for one year.

- 3. That NASD found, among other things, that the Respondent allowed GE to maintain a principal license with NASD although GE never had, and never exercised, any principal responsibilities at Sloan Securities Corporation, which violated NASD Membership and Registration Rule 1021 and Conduct Rule 2110.
- 4. That Section 8.E(1)(j) of the Act provides, *inter alia*, that the registration of a salesperson may be revoked if the Secretary of State finds that such salesperson has been suspended by any self-regulatory organization registered under the Federal 1934 Act or the Federal 1974 Act arising from any fraudulent or deceptive act or a practice in violation of any rule, regulation or standard duly promulgated by the self-regulatory organization.
- 5. That NASD is a self-regulatory organization as specified in Section 8.E(l)(j) of the Act.
- 6. That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondent's registration as a salesperson in the State of Illinois is subject to revocation pursuant to Section 8.E(1)(j) of the Act.

You are further notified that you are required pursuant to Section 130.1104of the Rules and Regulations (14 ILL. Adm. Code 130)(the "Rules"), to file an answer to the allegations outlined above within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this Notice. A failure to file an answer within the prescribed time shall be construed as an admission of the allegations contained in the Notice of Hearing.

Furthermore, you may be represented by legal counsel; may present evidence; may cross-examine witnesses and otherwise participate. A failure to so appear shall constitute default, unless any Respondent has upon due notice moved for and obtained a continuance.

A copy of the Rules, promulgated under the Act and pertaining to hearings held by the Office of the Secretary of State, Securities Department, is included with this Notice.

Delivery of Notice to the designated representative of any Respondent constitutes service upon such Respondent.

DATED: This 3rd day of January 2007.

JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State
State of Illinois

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